

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-4b;

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 5a;

Species III, illustrated in Fig(s). 5b;

Species IV, illustrated in Fig(s). 5c;

Species V, illustrated in Fig(s). 5d;

Species VI, illustrated in Fig(s). 6a;

Species VII, illustrated in Fig(s). 6b;

Species VIII, illustrated in Fig(s). 7;

Species IX, illustrated in Fig(s). 8;

Species X, illustrated in Fig(s). 9a-10b; and

Species XI, illustrated in Fig(s). 11-12d.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species X, illustrated in Figs. 9a-10b, without traverse.

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claims 1 is generic.

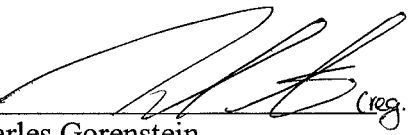
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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